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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the examination thereof, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) The sampling apparatus according to claim 1 wherein

(A07) said fixed frame is constructed so as to be attachable to and detachable from a mirror cylinder which supports the object lens of said optical microscope.

REMARKS

Examination is requested.

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